

**REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH)
PROGRAM BETWEEN THE JPO AND THE USPTO**

Application No.:	10/577,550	First Named Inventor:	Norio KURITA et al.
Filing Date:	March 14, 2007	Attorney Docket No.:	46884-5476
Title of the invention:	SHUTTER UNIT AND LASER PROCESSING DEVICE USING SAME		

THIS REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PPH PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EFS-WEB. INFORMATION REGARDING EFS-WEB IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.USPTO.GOV/EBC/EFS_HELP.HTML](http://WWW.USPTO.GOV/EBC/EFS_HELP.HTML).

APPLICANT HEREBY REQUESTS PARTICIPATION IN THE PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) PROGRAM AND PETITIONS TO MAKE THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION SPECIAL UNDER THE PPH PROGRAM.

The above-identified application (1) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more corresponding JPO application(s) or to a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim, or (2) is a national stage entry of a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim.

The JPO/PCT application number(s) is/are: JP 2003-374769/ PCT/JP2004/016340

The filing date of the JPO/PCT application(s) is/are: November 4, 2003/November 4, 2004

I. List of Required Documents:

a. A copy of the latest JPO office actions (other than "Decision to Grant a Patent") in the above-identified JPO application(s)

is attached.
 is not attached because the JPO application was allowed in a first office action.

*It is not necessary to submit a copy of the "Decision to Grant a Patent" and an English translation thereof.

b. A copy of all claims which were determined to be patentable by the JPO in the above-identified JPO application(s)

is attached.

c. English translations of the documents in a. and b. above along with a statement that the English translations are accurate are attached (if the documents are not in the English language).

d. (1) An information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the JPO office actions

is attached.
 has already been filed in the above-identified U.S. application on January 16, 2007

(2) Copies of all documents (except for U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications)

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This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 119, 37 CFR 1.55, and 37 CFR 1.102(d). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

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II. Claims Correspondence Table:

III. All the claims in the US application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the JPO application.

IV. Payment of Fees:

The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) as required by 37 CFR 1.102(d) must be paid via EFS-Web (using credit card, authorization to charge a deposit account, or electronic funds transfer).

Signature		Date July 10, 2009
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